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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1895.

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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND\$5,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
J. KRAMER, Esq.,—Chairman.
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Account at the rate of 3 per Cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1895. [483]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST ON deposits is allowed at 3½ PER
CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [484]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq., Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
H. Stollerfoht, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [7]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL\$1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED\$1,182,000
PAID-UP\$688,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 3 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON NEW FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months4 per cent.
" 6 "3½ " "
" 3 "3 " "
DEPOSITS RENEWED ON OLD TERMS.
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1895. [8]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP\$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS\$800,000
RESERVE FUND\$345,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" 6 "3½ " "
" 3 "3 " "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [905]

Amusements.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

SATURDAY, 23rd November, 1895.

PROGRAMME.

1. Overture.....Herold.
2. Song....."A Dream of the Past".....Gallie.
Mrs. HAORN.
3. Part Song....."The Dawn of Day".....
Miss LAMBERT and Mr. MEADOWS.
4. Duett....."The Wanderer".....
Miss LAMBERT and Mr. MEADOWS.
5. Piano Solo....."Polonaise".....Chopin.
Miss HITCHING.
6. Recit. and air from "Emeralds".....Goring.
Dr. G. S. MEADOWS.
7. Overture to....."Last Judgment".....Spohr.

PART II.

1. Symphony....."Last Judgment".....Spohr.
2. Song....."The Promise of Life".....Cohen.
Miss LAMBERT.
3. Quartet....."Ave Maria".....Moore.
Miss LAMBERT and Mr. MEADOWS.
4. Part Song....."Cradle Song".....
Dr. MEADOWS and Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN.
5. Violin Solo.....Andante from Violin Concerto
Mendelssohn.
Mr. M. ALBERG.
6. Cavalier Song....."A Boon, Saddle, to Horse".....
"Marching Along".....
Dr. MEADOWS and Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN.
7. Part Song....."Good night, Those Glorious Sun".....
SEATS can now be secured at the BOOKING
OFFICE, City Hall.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1895. [1605]

Intimations.

BELL'S-ASBESTOS-ESTABLISHMENT, LIMITED.

Sole Eastern Agents for
SPHINXOR GRIP ARMOURD HOSK.
Sole Eastern Agents for
The New Wire Wove Roofing Co.
THE ALUMINIUM & GENERAL FOUNDRY CO.



ASBESTOS PACKINGS of every description.
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CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.
ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.
W. JACKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1895. [189]

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

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THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN
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PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.

For further Particulars apply to

THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.
Hongkong, 27th July, 1895. [1845]

THE CLUB HOTEL, 5, BUND, YOKOHAMA. HOTEL METROPOLE, 1, TSUKIJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervi-
sion of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.
Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every
assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the
Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra
charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER
on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

C. T. BENNEY, Manager, YOKOHAMA. L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO. [160]

JASTRAM'S PATENT GOLDEN MEDAL PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 2 TO 12 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

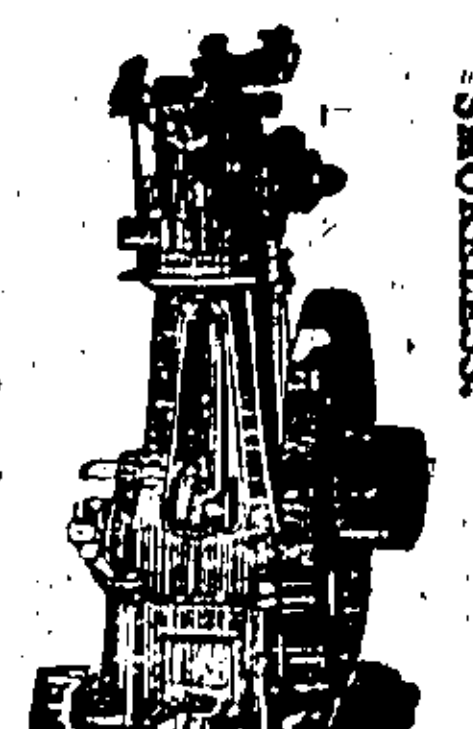
A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG,

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.



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Breakfast	12.00
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Supper	20.00
All 3 Meals	45.00

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

IN EVERY STYLE AND PRICE.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1895. [1605]

Intimations.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

INSURE YOUR LIFE AGAINST FATAL ACCIDENT
BY SUBSCRIBING
TO
"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

THE SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY
THE SUM OF
\$1,000 MEXICAN.

to the legal representatives of the European holder of this COUPON in the event of his death by
Accident, while on land within the confines of HONGKONG or any Treaty Ports of CHINA or
JAPAN, or the immediate neighbourhood thereof, provided that the Name and Address of the said
holder appears in the List of European Subscribers to the
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"

as furnished to the Company for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1895; that the
premiums thereon has been duly paid; that death takes place within One Month from the
occurrence of the Accident, and that notice of death, with full particulars, is sent within fourteen
days of its happening to Mr. J. Y. V. VERNON, Hongkong. It being declared that \$1,000 only
will be paid in respect of any one death.

This coupon is to be sent to the Company by the Proprietors of The Hongkong Telegraph.

J. Y. V. VERNON,
AGENT.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1895. [1350]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 3 doz. pints\$35 per case.
do. 1 " quarts\$33 "

SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1895. [634]



FREDERICKSBURG EXPORT LAGER BEER.

PER 8 DOZEN PINTS.....\$15.00.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.
WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

15, QUEEN'S ROAD. TELEPHONE No. 75.
Hongkong, 11th November, 1895. [919]

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

TIT BITS!!! TIT BITS!!! TIT BITS!!!

AMERICAN ROLL BUTTER \$1.20 per roll; or in PATS 20c. and 40c. each.

AUSTRALIAN HOG'S TONGUES 20c. and 30c. each.

Just arrived by the S.S. "PUSHUN"

SHANGHAI CORNED BEEF, GAME, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1895. [1349]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR 1894.

CONTRIBUTORS OF PREMIA are hereby
requested to send in to this Office a LIST
of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending
31st December last, in order that the proportion
of PROFIT for that year to be PAID as BONUS
may be arranged. Returns not sent in before
the 30th instant will be made up by the Company,
and no subsequent CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS
will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,
JAB. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1895. [1503]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR 1894.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company
are requested to furnish the Undersigned
with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for
the year ending 31st December last, in order
that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS
reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.
Returns not rendered prior to the 30th day of
November next will be made up by the Company,
and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subse-
quently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 31st October, 1895. [1497]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FINAL BONUS of Six Per Cent. on
CONTRIBUTIONS and Dividend of
Twenty Dollars per Share for the year 1894,
will be PAYABLE on THURSDAY, the 31st
Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at
the Office of the Society on and after that
date.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDZ,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th October, 1895. [1455]

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
the SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY
will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9,
Praya Central, on FRIDAY, the 20th November,
1895, at 12 o'clock NOON, when the Subjoined
Resolution, which was passed at the Extra-
ordinary General Meeting held on the 14th
November, 1895, will be submitted for confirma-
tion as a Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association already
approved by this Meeting and for the
purpose of identification subscribed by
the Chairman thereof be and the same
are hereby approved and that such
Articles be and they are hereby adopted
as the Articles of Association of the
Company to the exclusion of all the
existing Articles or Regulations thereof."

Dated the 14th November, 1895.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

ASBESTOS.

WE are now prepared to undertake the
COVERING of STEAMERS'
BOILERS, STEAM PIPES, &c., with pure
ASBESTOS manufactured especially for us, at
moderate charges. This material has been
subjected to many tests and found unequalled in
preventing the radiation of heat and consequent
economy of fuel and is highly recommended for
preserving iron from corrosion, especially in
MARINE BOILERS and STEAM PIPES.

IRON SAFES, ICE-BOXES, &c., also covered
for safety and economy.

Contracts given on application and all
particulars supplied by

JOHN ANDREW & Co.,
18, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1895. [1505]

"KIM ENG ONG."

NARCISUS, OR CHINESE
"SACRED (ILY.) BULB DEALERS, AMOY.
(Established upwards 80 Years.)

IN view of the facts that certain ill-disposed
Persons are inclined to IMITATE or USE
our Firm's TRADE MARK or CHOP, notice
is hereby given that any Person or Persons
discovered using our said TRADE MARK
or CHOP, will be rigorously prosecuted before
competent Tribunals.

KIM ENG ONG.
Amoy, and November, 1895. [1525]

Intimations.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.
HONGKONG, 28th May, 1895. [701]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE CHAI ON MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the World
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 42, BONHAM STRAND WEST,
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1895. [1334]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 26th May, 1895. [1324]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$233,333.33
EQUAL TO\$233,333.33
RESERVE FUND\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEK MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1895. [1377]

Notice of Firms.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Undersigned has RESUMED
CHARGE of the Agency of the COMPANY
in Hongkong from this date.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1895. [1504]

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VICTORIA LODGE

OF HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 22nd
Instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1895. [1585]

Intimations.

JUST LANDED FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

Crystallized Fruits, Baked Almonds,
Cocoanuts, Almonds Flots,
Apricots, Marzipan Almonds,
&c., &c., &c.

CADBURRY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES:—
Vanilla Cremes, Honey Cremes, Caramels,
Nougat Flashes, Finesque Chocolate,
Chocolate Walnut.

Plush Bags, Plush Boxes and Fancy Boxes,
&c., &c., &c.

"TANSAN," the New Japanese Table-Water
which contains 8 per cent. more from carbonate
than that from any other Chalybeate Spring.

FLETCHER & Co.,
"THE PHARMACY,"
21, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 10th October, 1895. [1443]

MR. CHADWICK KEW, (LATE OF POATE & NOBLE.)

HAS OPENED his Dental Rooms at No.
62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, a few
doors from Messrs. GAUPP & Co.

TEETH filled permanently, from \$1.00 upwards;
CROWN and BRIDGEWORK inserted and TEETH
EXTRACTED.

PLATES A SPECIALITY.
Hongkong, 7th June, 1895. [714]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is
obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL
WATER is the cause of much sickness on
board ship.

We are the only Water-Boat Company in
Hongkong exclusively supplying FILTERED
WATER.

Call Flag "W."

J. W. KEW & Co.,
STEAM WATER-BEAT CO.,
18, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 7th October, 1895. [787]

MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, 18
Ice-House Road.

IS now in a position, in his New and Com-
modious Premises, to take all kinds of
ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART, PRACTICED
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.

GROUPS and VIEWS
a specialty.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1895. [1507]

Today's
Advertisements.PROGRAMME
OF THE
ORGAN RECITAL

TO BE GIVEN AT THE
UNION CHURCH
BY
MR. GEORGE GRIMBLE,
ON
MONDAY, the 25th November, 1895,
AT 5.45 P.M.

- (1) Pastorale. George Calkins.
- (2) Postlude in A Minor. "St. Paul." Bass Solo. "These things" by Mendelssohn. Dr. G. S. MEADOWS.
- (3) (a) Offertoire from the "Messe de Mariage" Th. Dubois.
- (4) (b) Melodie in F. Robert Schumann.
- (5) Duet, Soprano and Baritone. Miss LAMBERT and Dr. G. S. MEADOWS.
- (6) Sonata No. 6 for the Organ. (Chorale, Variations, Allegro.) Mendelssohn. Fuga and Andante. Adams.
- (7) Bass Solo. "The Holy City" Mr. GILCHRIST.
- (8) Prelude to Act III. "Intermezzo" (Henry VIII.) Ed. German. (Arranged for the Organ by Mr. C. F. A. SANGSTER.)
- (9) Tenor Solo. "When I survey the" Farmer. Mr. E. A. MEASOR.
- (10) Adagio from the 1st Symphony. Mendelssohn. Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1607]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship

"SARPEDON."
Captain M. H. F. JACKSON, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1549]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND
SOURABAYA.

THE Steamship
"SZECHUEN."
Captain DERBY, will be despatched on
SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1578]

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"LYEEMOON."
Captain G. HEUMANN, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1505]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship
"NAMO."
Captain MAI, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1604]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3 1/2 A.L.L. American Ship
"JOHN R. KELLEY."
Captain CHAPMAN, having arrived, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO.,
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1608]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3 1/2 A.L.L. American Ship
"EMILY F. WHITNEY."
Parsons, Master, shortly expected from SHANGHAI, will load here for the above Port, and will be despatched by end of December.

THE "TORRISDALE."
Buchanan, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1609]

THE SPORTSMAN'S
POCKET BOOK.

PUBLISHED
AT THE
"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
PRICE—\$1.50 PER COPY.

N.B.—This work is a complete record of the most recent Hongkong, Shanghai and Coast Fort Race Meeting, and in addition is a good deal of other useful information, contains a revised list of Record Times made on the Shanghai Course, as well as several pages of Sporting Memoranda and a useful index.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1895. [1406]

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at Pender's Wharf, EVERY EVENING from 5.30 to 7.30 o'clock.

PRICE—TEN CENTS.
Copies ordered from the Office will be charged the usual rate—25 cents.
Advertisers are reminded that the Hongkong Telegraph has by far the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East. THIS IS GUARANTEED. Terms on application.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1891.

Today's
Advertisements.NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S. S. "PREUSSEN."

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to SHANGHAI unless notice to the contrary be given TO-DAY before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th November, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Nov., at 3 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 30th November, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1895. [1553]

BROWN, JONES & CO.
DEALERS IN
ITALIAN AND AMERICAN MARBLE AND
HONGKONG GRANITE CEMETERY
MEMORIALS.
LETTERS CUT AND FILLED WITH IMPERISHABLE
LEAD CEMENT.

Intimations.
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1896. [17]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
VEGETABLE AND FLOWER
SEEDS.

SEASON 1895-96.

Our First Supplies of these best Quality Seeds have arrived, and Orders will be executed in the sequence in which they are received as long as the supply lasts.

SEED LISTS
with
HINTS FOR GARDENING
Have been issued and can be obtained on application.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up in London.
They are packed under our own Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised to insure protection in transit.

Sowings should be made in FINE WEATHER ONLY and the remainder of the packets secured from damp, and kept in a dry place for repeat sowings.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.
A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally.

It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each.....\$7.75.
25 lbs. ".....\$14.50.
Directions for use are given on the Label.

RAMSON'S "NEW PARIS"
LAWN MOWERS.
The Best and Cheapest Machines in the Market.
For Sale at Manufacturers' Prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1891.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 21st instant, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A., WILSON, daughter of Mr. Wilson, and ALICE MARY (ALICE), daughter of John Blomfield, of Halesland, Essex.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

At noon to-day the good steamship

Mirapore cast off from her buoy and

steamed gracefully through the harbour,

homeward bound with a full complement

of first-class passengers amongst whom

is Sir Nicholas O'Connor, late British

Minister to the Court of the Emperor

KWANG-SU, and now Minister-elect to the

Court of the Czar of All the Russias. Sir

Nicholas doubtless carries with him the

best wishes of all who have the pleasure

of his acquaintance, for although he has,

as far as outward and visible signs can

be taken as an indication, accomplished next

to nothing for the welfare of his country-

men whose lot is cast in the Far East,

yet it is, of course, probable that Lord

ROSEBERY is chiefly to blame for the

shortcomings of one from whom so much

was expected when he arrived here fresh

from home three years ago and was made

the recipient of all the hospitality and

courtesy which lies in the power of our

local thoroughly cosmopolitan Chamber of

Commerce to extend to distinguished

visitors.

It was intended, we believe, that a

deputation from the Chamber of Com-

merce should wait upon the retiring

Minister while here with a view to obtain-

ing from him his views on several burning

questions of the hour, but his Excellency

seems to have declined to receive such a

deputation. At all events no public

function of any kind was held in his honour,

and whatever Sir Nicholas may have had to

say to individuals has been of an unofficial,

though not necessarily confidential, nature.

He said a good deal at Shanghai, and

judging by the guarded nature of his

utterances there it was clear that either he

had accomplished something at Peking

which could not under any circumstances

be made public, or he had, as is generally

believed, done so little that he had to

resort to language calculated to mystify

rather than enlighten his hearers. That

Sir Nicholas has carried out his

"instructions" no one for a moment

would doubt, but "instructions" are

subject to amendment, and any alteration

that may have been made in his

original "marching orders" have

doubtless been the result of information

and advice tendered by him to the

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,

and therefore it appears probable that he

cannot be held altogether blameless for the

unfortunate sequence of the maintenance

of a policy of abstention which, as we

have before said, seems to have been

carried to very unnecessary extremes.

influence in Peking at least equal to, if not greater than, that which the representatives of the Three Powers at present enjoy the benefits of.

Has not abstention been carried far enough? Is not the time for action

nigh? Are we to fold our hands,

reflect on the glorious past, and view with

complacency the domination in Peking of

two Powers whose recent actions in the

East and in the West indicate that it may

soon be very difficult to maintain peace

with honour unless by virtue of a

readjustment of the balance of power in

Eastern Asia? All we want, all that

John Bull ever looks for, is a fair field

and no favour. But when he discovers

that attempts are being made to oust him

from certain markets; that the strict

observance of international law and long-

suffering is viewed in a wrong light, then he

naturally exhibits signs of uneasiness which,

as Reuter recently informed us, affects the

Bourses, sets Europe by the ears and

causes semi-official organs to discharge a

great amount of bellicose verbiage, which

of course only tends to still further upset the

equilibrium of the money market. But

there is nothing very surprising in this. Is

not this bluster of our French and

Russian friends quite natural, quite

characteristic? Do they not know, from

bitter experience, that if you play with

fire you must expect to be more or less

burnt as the result of your tergiversa-

tion?

THE FRENCH IRONCLADS FLOATED.

The French ironclads *Amiral Courbet* and

Amiral Baudin have been successfully floated.

GREAT BRITAIN AND TURKEY.

Lord Salisbury at a meeting at Brighton read

a message from the Sultan expressing pain at

the tone of Lord Salisbury's references to Turkish

affairs in his speech at the Goldhall.

(Special to *Stam Observer*.)

THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, November 5th.

The late elections in the United States resulted

in several striking victories for the Republicans,

especially in Maryland, New York, Massa-

chusetts and Ohio.

ENGLAND AND PORTUGAL.

LONDON, November 5th.

Carlos I, King of Portugal, has arrived in

London and been accorded a State reception.

THE TURKISH IMPASSE.

LONDON, November 5th.

The Ambassadors of England, Russia, and

France have made separate representations to

the Porte as to the anarchy at present prevailing

in Turkey. They point out that the present

state of affairs is most harmful to Christians of

all nations, and demand the immediate adoption

of pacificatory measures. Otherwise, they

threaten, they will consult together as to the

necessary steps to be taken by virtue of their

own combined action.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. M. S. *Peacock* arrived here to-day from

Asiping.

THE annual meeting of the Odd Volumes will

be held in the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow

evening.

H.M.S. *Narvik*, now in the Fleet Reserve at

Portsmouth, is to be brought forward for service

on the China Station.

MONSIEUR MUSILLER, Governor of the province

of Bachelin, Tonkin, recently left Hanoi bound

for Paris via Egypt. *L'Avantur du Tonkin* says

M. Musiller has been entrusted with a special

mission for his Government in the Land of the

Pharaohs.

THE charge made against an unemployed cook

by the steward of the *Zeus* came up at the

Magistracy again this morning. Further evidence

was given to prove the assault, but the charge

of robbery fell through. The cook was sentenced

to four months' imprisonment for assault.

THE master of the German steamer *Martha*

was this morning charged at the Magistracy

with carrying 128 passengers without a license.

The evidence showed that he had no passenger

license, but carried 128 passengers in excess of

the number allowed to a ship of his class with-

out a special license. He was fined \$300.

AT St. John's Cathedral to-day, Captain Sawyer,

commander of the Indo-China S. N. Co.'s coast-

ing steamer *Wangang*, one of the most genial,

successful and well-known navigators in this

part of the world, was married to Miss Blomfield

of Halesland, Essex. We congratulate the

happy bridegroom and wish him a happy

and prosperous married life.

According to *The Christian Advocate* (New

York) the Englishman Stoker who was recently

haunted by the authorities of the Congo Free

State for supplying arms and ammunition to the

native was "a renegade missionary." He

was, it is said, one of the first missionaries sent

out to Victoria Nyansa by the Church Missionary

Society of England. For several years he

THE SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. Mr. F. A. Cooper (Director of Public Works) presided, and there were also present Dr. J. M. Atkinson (Colonial Surgeon), Capt. W. C. Hastings (Acting Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. N. J. Ede, and Mr. Hugh McCallum (Secretary).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

WASHING TANKS.

A letter from the Colonial Secretary dated the 7th instant was read setting forth that the Chinese washermen were in the habit of washing clothes in pools in the Tai Hang, Tung Lo Wan and Pak Shui Wal streams, where they collected the water from the hills. These Chinese entered the water, and in the dry season, when water was scarce, this often got into a filthy state. When the water was released from the pools it was allowed to run into the rocky below, and produced a state of affairs far from sanitary. It is therefore proposed to build up the valleys with masonry and concrete, and level off the ground, so as to construct reservoirs. In these reservoirs it is proposed to store the water during the rainy season for use during the dry months, and it is further proposed that the water be laid on to the washing establishments and supplied by measurement. In view of the difficulty experienced in letting the wash-houses in Wan-chai, it is thought better to leave a suitable portion of land about the streams unoccupied, and to allow the washermen to erect their own tanks there subject to their arrangements being approved of by the Public Works Department. The cost of these arrangements is estimated as about \$70,000, which is chargeable against the loan under the heading "water and drainage works." If the proposal is agreed to by the Sanitary Board plans will be at once proceeded with.

This was minutes by Mr. Ede:—I think the scheme a good one; but will the washermen leave the land or will they go further afield where they can do their washing without paying for their water?

The Colonial Surgeon asked:—Has the Board any information with reference to the establishment in the Colony of Japanese laundries?

The Board decided to notify the Government that it approves of the scheme.

THE BOARD'S BOOKS.

Mr. Recco's letter requesting that his clerk be allowed to examine the register of burials of cows and bullocks in Hongkong or Yau-nai, was read. The Secretary had refused to allow it to be done.

Mr. Ede minutes that he thought the books should not be examined, but that the Secretary might furnish the information sought for if it was for a bona fide purpose. This was concurred in by the minutes of the Colonial Surgeon and Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

INSANITARY BACK-YARDS.

Correspondence relating to structures in the back-yards of houses No. 2 to 8 George Lane was read. The agents, the Hongkong Land Investment Company, were notified on the 18th September, by the Board's orders, to remove the structures there. As no steps were taken they were given a reminder on the 10th November, as the time allowed had expired. On the 14th November the Company replied that the sheds had been put up with the buildings in 1883, on plans satisfactory to the Public Works Department, and that the drainage had lately been looked to and the houses put in a thoroughly sanitary state. Permission was granted to allow the structures to remain. The Medical Officer of Health reported on the 20th inst. that he had inspected the premises, and as the structures were clearly in contravention of the Ordinances, and a menace to the health of the occupants, they should be removed.

Decided to insist on the removal of the premises. After some further discussion, chiefly in connection with applications to open wells, the representatives of the Press were requested to withdraw as the Board wished to discuss tenders for scavenging in private.

THE ODD VOLUMES.

The following is the annual report of the Council (1894-95), to be presented to members of the Odd Volumes Society at the meeting to be held in the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening:—

The Council have much pleasure in presenting you with the Third Annual Report, which they trust will be considered satisfactory. Since the last report was issued to the Society, thirteen very successful meetings were held, which, as will be seen in the following list, have been of a varied description:—

22nd November:—Annual general meeting and social and farwell presentation to Mr. Sidney Jeffrey.
21st December:—Adjourned general meeting for Confirmation of Rules. Mr. J. J. Francis read a paper on "Current Opinion on the China-Japan Question and England's Interests in regard thereto."
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4th January:—An Address on "The Regulation of the Liquor Traffic" by Mr. W. E. Crow. Followed by a debate.
18th January:—Lecture by the Hon. E. J. Akeroyd—"Should Imprisonment be inflicted in default of Payment of Fines?"
31st January:—The Hon. F. H. May's Lecture on "The Local Importance of the Preservation of Game in Hongkong."

15th February:—A Lecture on "The Philosophy of the Sub-conscious" by Dr. E. J. Zittel.
15th March:—Mrs. J. Bishop F.R.G.S., &c., delivered a lecture on "A Journey Through Western Tibet." Mrs. Bishop was elected an Hon. Member of the Society.

22nd March:—Mr. J. J. Plummer, M.A., read a paper on "Metamorphosis."
15th April:—Mr. E. F. Skerchly read a paper on "The Customs, Legends and Superstitions of the Cagayan Salus."
19th April:—A Lecture on "Argon," the newly discovered constituent of the Atmosphere," by Mr. Frank Brown, F. C. S.
18th May:—Mr. A. W. E. O. Dwyer's paper on "A Journey up the Chindwin River."

25th May:—Mr. Sydney B. J. Skerchly delivered his farwell Address. Mr. Skerchly was elected an Hon. Member of the Society.
19th July:—Meeting at the Mount Austin Hotel, The Park, Lecture on "The China-Japan War," by Mr. T. C. Coyne, the Times Correspondent at the Seat of War.

Special Meetings have been held by the Photographic Section of the society, which was inaugurated on the 23rd April last, when Mr. Wickham was elected Hon. Secretary of the Section.

Mr. Skerchly, one of the founders of the Society, and whose name has been thoroughly identified with the "Odd Volumes" left Hongkong for Australia in May, thus depriving the Council of the valuable assistance they have always received from him.

The Council tender their best thanks to those gentlemen who so ably assisted at the various meetings during the past session.

A new Council will have to be elected at the annual general meeting which will be held in the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, 22nd November, 1895.

From the statement of accounts annexed it will be seen that there is a balance of \$147.15 standing to the credit of the Society.

W. H. PURCELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1895.

A NEW FOE TO FLAMES.

The San Francisco Chronicle of the 17th ultimo contains interesting information relative to what is styled a "Fireman's Smoke Protector." The Times-Herald was the first in the field with the details of this useful adjunct to a fireman's outfit, which, it appears, is the invention of Chief Swenick of the Chicago Fire Department, who has supplied his own brigade with the "protector," which it is claimed is a "protection for firemen and may in many cases save the lives of persons imperilled by smoke and flames." The Chronicle describes the apparatus in the following manner:—

The apparatus adopted by the Chicago department and which is to supplant all other helmets like the headgear of a diver when he is preparing to descend into the water with his belt. It consists of a helmet placed over the head, and a suit of mail made of asbestos cloth, which is proof against fire, heat, steam, boiling water and all poisonous gases or fumes. This helmet is held to the body by two straps which pass under the arms.

The contrivance is practically as tight, but has an apparatus of its own, a metal reservoir at its back, with a capacity of 100 pounds pressure of compressed air, which supplies the wearer with all the breathing material which he may need for from twenty minutes to one hour. This air supply before reaching the wearer the helmet is filtered and comes to him, it is claimed, as pure as the air he would take out of doors. A gauge is attached to the air reservoir by which the amount of air pressure can readily be determined at all times.

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THE ASHANTI DIFFICULTY.

The Pall Mall Gazette of the 18th ult. contains the following information relative to the difficulty with the Kingdom of Ashanti, with which we are about to go to war:—

Colonel Sir Francis Scott, Inspector-General of the Gold Coast Force, who has been summoned home by telegraph to confer with the Imperial authorities on the subject of the impending expedition to Coomassie, arrived on the 17th October. As regards the situation on the Gold Coast when he left, Sir Francis said that the Ashanti question has at last become critical, as an ultimatum has been dispatched to the King. This action was taken by Captain Donald Stewart, the Special Commissioner, who was escorted by a force of 100 Hottentots under Captains Cramer and Irvine. The force has no field or machine guns, but is supplied with sixty rounds of ammunition per man, with 100 rounds per man in reserve. This force left Cape Castle for Coomassie the day before I sailed. The terms of the ultimatum are that the King should have a British Commissioner in his country, and that he should place Ashanti under British protection. Her Majesty's Government give him till October 31st to reply to this ultimatum. If he does not reply to the Special Commissioner by that date the mission will return to the coast, sending the King's reply by special messenger in advance to the Governor. The force accompanying this mission has orders:

NOT TO FIGHT EXCEPT IN SELF-DEFENCE.

In addition to this force a body of 500 Hottentots under Captain Hawley was ready to be despatched from Accra. Hawley, on the borders of Ashanti, remaining there in case of necessity to support the mission and to guard the frontier. This force had two 4-pounders and a Maxim, and a large quantity of ammunition. A further force of 500 troops armed with rifles, but having no machine-guns, was held in readiness at Kintia awaiting instructions to effect a junction with Captain Hawley's force at Pranku. Mr. Maxwell, the Governor, was visiting the Government instructions at Accra. He received orders to despatch the ultimatum on September 20th. Sir Francis further said:—The Gold Coast Colony can never be quiet until Ashanti has been brought under British rule. It is an impossibility. On and off, there have always been difficulties with these people. The Queen-mother, the mother of the young King, is a powerful factor in the country, and is responsible for much that occurs. In spite of the constant trouble made in London, however, the British Government at any rate, every day in the history, whether black or white, believes in them, and

for the most part they take place at Coomassie, and for these the King is directly responsible.

A SERIOUS BLOW WILL BE GIVEN TO BRITISH PRESTIGE.

If Coomassie be not taken now. Tribes which have seceded from the King of Coomassie and are now friendly to us will otherwise assuredly return to their former leader. It is not too much to say that all these chiefs are now waiting like a hen on a fence to see which way we go. Hitherto we have always given into Ashanti, with the result that to-day they scarcely believe we will send an expedition against them. Everything depends upon the reply to the ultimatum, which we shall probably receive during the first week of November. If the King absolutely refuses to accept a British protectorate it will be necessary to dispatch a strong force of Imperial troops, not necessarily white troops. Some special service officers will be required from England. A force of 500 troops from Lagos, 600 Gold Coast Fuzes, and a battalion of the West India Regiment, which I found worked so well in the Juba campaign, would in my opinion be sufficient. Our relations with our French and German neighbours are most friendly.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

HONGKONG FREIGHT MARKET.

Hongkong, November 21st.

In their Freight Circular issued to-day Messrs. Lamke and Rogge write:—

Our market remains much the same as last reported; rates for any destination are ruling low, and an early improvement must not be looked for.

SPRATZ-FRIGHTS.—Business from Saigon to this continues to drag, despite the fact that there would seem to be not only a very small quantity of old crop rice left and it is being held at prohibitive prices, so much so, that no chartering has been done from Saigon during the fortnight except to this port, and as for the few fixtures in our direction the rates granted are so unremunerative that the steamers took them of their necessity only. The new crop, from all the regions where the rice is growing, is coming according to latest Saigon news, being very reasonable so far, but it is agreed that it is too early yet to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the yield.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

HONGKONG FREIGHT MARKET.

Hongkong, November 21st.

In their Freight Circular issued to-day Messrs. Lamke and Rogge write:—

Our market remains much the same as last reported; rates for any destination are ruling low, and an early improvement must not be looked for.

SPRATZ-FRIGHTS.—Business from Saigon to this continues to drag, despite the fact that there would seem to be not only a very small quantity of old crop rice left and it is being held at prohibitive prices, so much so, that no chartering has been done from Saigon during the fortnight except to this port, and as for the few fixtures in our direction the rates granted are so unremunerative that the steamers took them of their necessity only. The new crop, from all the regions where the rice is growing, is coming according to latest Saigon news, being very reasonable so far, but it is agreed that it is too early yet to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the yield.

As to Bangkok business, the same remarks apply as to the prospects for the ensuing season. The crop looks promising, and the fact bears this out that already there have been enquiries as to rates likely to be accepted by steamers for a season of 100,000 tons of rice, being very reasonable so far, but it is agreed that it is too early yet to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the yield.

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THE W. H. Talbot has arrived and has taken the berth for San Francisco, and a vessel to follow her may shortly be wanted.

COASTWISE.—We have heard of no charters. A vessel is wanted for Honolulu and back, prompt loading, on Velocity's terms.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Tacoma (Victoria) to-morrow.
Australia (Tahiti) to-morrow.
American (Evanale) 2nd prox.
Canadian (Empress of Japan) 4th prox.
American (Pera) 8th prox.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co's steamer Empress of China arrived at Vancouver yesterday.

The N. G. I. steamer Hingpo, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port to-day, and is due here on or about the 29th inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.
Sultan steamer, from Bangkok.
Victoria " " Canton.
Tecos " " Singapore.
Franklin " " Bangkok.
Franklin " " Canton.
Ash " " Saigon.
Panic " " Hongkong.
Marie Rose " " Amoy.
Y. R. Kelly " " New York.
Selkirk "

